

Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

October 2015

UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey during the week covering October 11th to 17th, 2015, there were 580,000 persons employed in Saskatchewan. This is an increase of 600 from September 2015 and 600 more than the number employed in October 2014.

Agricultural employment was 44,100 persons in October 2015, down 100 from the September 2015 level and 2,800 less than the October 2014 agricultural employment level of 46,900. Non-agricultural employment was 535,900 persons in October 2015. This is an increase of 700 from the September 2015 non-agriculture employment level of 535,200 and 3,400 more than October 2014.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for October 2015 was 4.9 percent. This is an increase of 0.5 percentage points from the September 2015 rate of 4.4 percent and 1.9 percentage points higher than the October 2014 level of 3.0 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force increased by 4,100 to 609,900 persons in October 2015 from 605,800 persons in September 2015. This is 12,300 more than the October 2014 labour force of 597,600 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate rose 0.4 percentage points to 70.6 percent in October 2015 from 70.2 percent in September 2015. The October 2014 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 69.9 percent.

There were 29,900 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during October 2015. This is an increase of 3,500 from September 2015 and is 11,700 more than the number unemployed in October 2014.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 577,300 persons employed in Saskatchewan in October 2015, up 1,400 from the September 2015 level of 575,900 but is down 300 from the October 2014 employment level of 577,600 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for October 2015 was 5.6 percent. This is an increase of 0.5 percentage points from the September 2015 rate of 5.1 percent and 2.0 percentage points higher than the October 2014 rate of 3.6 percent.

CANADIAN DATA

Canadian employment increased by 25,600 persons in October 2015 to 18,094,300 persons from 18,068,700 persons in September 2015. In October 2014, there were 17,948,600 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate decreased 0.1 percentage points in October 2015 to 6.3 percent from the September 2015 level of 6.4 percent. In October 2014, Canada's unemployment rate was 6.0 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 7.0 percent in October 2015. This is 0.1 percentage points lower than September 2015 but 0.4 percentage points higher than the October 2014 level of 6.6 percent.

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TABLE 1

SUMMARY LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS, CANADA AND THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES

	October 2015	September 2015	October 2014	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADA					
Labour Force ('000)	19,318.0	19,313.8	19,100.0	4.2	218.0
Employed ('000)	18,094.3	18,068.7	17,948.6	25.6	145.7
Full-Time ('000)	14,608.9	14,688.6	14,421.8	-79.7	187.1
Part-Time ('000)	3,485.3	3,380.1	3,526.8	105.2	-41.5
Unemployed ('000)	1,223.8	1,245.1	1,151.4	-21.3	72.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.3	6.4	6.0	-0.1	0.3
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	7.0	7.1	6.6	-0.1	0.4
Participation Rate (%)	65.8	65.8	65.7	0.0	0.1
SASKATCHEWAN					
Labour Force ('000)	609.9	605.8	597.6	4.1	12.3
Employed ('000)	580.0	579.4	579.4	0.6	0.6
Full-Time ('000)	476.9	476.7	479.6	0.2	-2.7
Part-Time ('000)	103.1	102.7	99.8	0.4	3.3
Unemployed ('000)	29.9	26.4	18.2	3.5	11.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.9	4.4	3.0	0.5	1.9
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	5.6	5.1	3.6	0.5	2.0
Participation Rate (%)	70.6	70.2	69.9	0.4	0.7
ALBERTA					
Labour Force ('000)	2,451.5	2,473.6	2,393.1	-22.1	58.4
Employed ('000)	2,303.3	2,327.0	2,293.8	-23.7	9.5
Full-Time ('000)	1,876.2	1,910.3	1,902.6	-34.1	-26.4
Part-Time ('000)	427.1	416.6	391.2	10.5	35.9
Unemployed ('000)	148.2	146.6	99.3	1.6	48.9
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.0	5.9	4.1	0.1	1.9
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	6.6	6.5	4.4	0.1	2.2
Participation Rate (%)	72.7	73.4	72.4	-0.7	0.3
MANITOBA					
Labour Force ('000)	676.8	673.9	667.4	2.9	9.4
Employed ('000)	644.5	640.9	637.0	3.6	7.5
Full-Time ('000)	520.4	518.8	516.9	1.6	3.5
Part-Time ('000)	124.1	122.0	120.1	2.1	4.0
Unemployed ('000)	32.2	33.0	30.4	-0.8	1.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.8	4.9	4.6	-0.1	0.2
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	5.3	5.2	5.0	0.1	0.3
Participation Rate (%)	68.3	68.1	68.1	0.2	0.2

Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey

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TABLE 2

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	October 2015	September 2015	October 2014	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
<u>LABOUR FORCE ('000)</u>	609.9	605.8	597.6	4.1	12.3
Male	332.8	330.2	326.0	2.6	6.8
Female	277.1	275.6	271.6	1.5	5.5
15-24 Years of Age	90.7	90.8	91.4	-0.1	-0.7
25+ Years of age	519.2	515.0	506.2	4.2	13.0
<u>EMPLOYED ('000)</u>	580.0	579.4	579.4	0.6	0.6
Male	315.4	314.7	316.0	0.7	-0.6
Female	264.6	264.7	263.4	-0.1	1.2
15-24 Years of Age	81.2	83.6	85.8	-2.4	-4.6
25+ Years of age	498.8	495.8	493.6	3.0	5.2
<u>UNEMPLOYED ('000)</u>	29.9	26.4	18.2	3.5	11.7
Male	17.4	15.5	10.0	1.9	7.4
Female	12.5	10.9	8.2	1.6	4.3
15-24 Years of Age	9.4	7.3	5.6	2.1	3.8
25+ Years of age	20.4	19.2	12.6	1.2	7.8
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>	4.9	4.4	3.0	0.5	1.9
Male	5.2	4.7	3.1	0.5	2.1
Female	4.5	4.0	3.0	0.5	1.5
15-24 Years of Age	10.4	8.0	6.1	2.4	4.3
25+ Years of age	3.9	3.7	2.5	0.2	1.4
<u>PARTICIPATION RATE (%)</u>	70.6	70.2	69.9	0.4	0.7
Male	76.4	75.8	75.7	0.6	0.7
Female	64.7	64.4	64.0	0.3	0.7
15-24 Years of Age	66.7	66.7	66.0	0.0	0.7
25+ Years of age	71.3	70.8	70.6	0.5	0.7

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 3

SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE

	October <u>2015</u>	September <u>2015</u>	October <u>2014</u>	Change from <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<u>INDUSTRY ('000)</u>					
Agriculture	44.1	44.2	46.9	-0.1	-2.8
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	26.9	26.0	28.5	0.9	-1.6
Utilities	7.0	6.9	6.4	0.1	0.6
Construction	59.4	57.4	61.3	2.0	-1.9
Manufacturing	27.2	26.2	29.0	1.0	-1.8
Trade	84.7	84.5	81.9	0.2	2.8
Transportation and Warehousing	29.1	29.5	28.4	-0.4	0.7
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	30.7	30.4	31.6	0.3	-0.9
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	26.2	24.9	27.9	1.3	-1.7
Business, Building and Other Support Services	13.9	14.5	12.8	-0.6	1.1
Educational Services	42.7	42.3	44.9	0.4	-2.2
Health Care and Social Assistance	78.0	79.6	73.1	-1.6	4.9
Information, Culture and Recreation	20.2	20.9	15.2	-0.7	5.0
Accommodation and Food Services	37.7	38.2	36.2	-0.5	1.5
Other Services	24.7	26.5	25.1	-1.8	-0.4
Public Administration	27.6	27.5	30.2	0.1	-2.6
Total	580.0	579.4	579.4	0.6	0.6
<u>HOURS OF WORK ('000)</u>					
Full-Time	476.9	476.7	479.6	0.2	-2.7
Part-Time	103.1	102.7	99.8	0.4	3.3
<u>CLASS OF WORKER ('000)</u>					
Employees	472.3	475.0	466.6	-2.7	5.7
Public Sector	135.4	137.2	139.0	-1.8	-3.6
Private Sector	336.8	337.8	327.6	-1.0	9.2
Self-Employed	107.7	104.4	112.8	3.3	-5.1

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 4

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	<u>October</u> <u>2015</u>	<u>September</u> <u>2015</u>	<u>October</u> <u>2014</u>	<u>Change from</u> <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u>					
Canada	18,094.3	18,068.7	17,948.6	25.6	145.7
Newfoundland & Labrador	237.1	240.7	239.1	-3.6	-2.0
Prince Edward Island	75.6	75.9	75.5	-0.3	0.1
Nova Scotia	456.6	458.1	455.1	-1.5	1.5
New Brunswick	358.4	358.3	354.5	0.1	3.9
Quebec	4,128.3	4,136.7	4,087.6	-8.4	40.7
Ontario	6,955.2	6,913.5	6,942.1	41.7	13.1
Manitoba	644.5	640.9	637.0	3.6	7.5
Saskatchewan	580.0	579.4	579.4	0.6	0.6
Alberta	2,303.3	2,327.0	2,293.8	-23.7	9.5
British Columbia	2,355.1	2,338.5	2,284.4	16.6	70.7
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>					
Canada	6.3	6.4	6.0	-0.1	0.3
Newfoundland & Labrador	11.6	11.5	10.8	0.1	0.8
Prince Edward Island	8.3	7.1	7.7	1.2	0.6
Nova Scotia	6.9	7.8	7.9	-0.9	-1.0
New Brunswick	7.7	7.1	8.9	0.6	-1.2
Quebec	6.8	6.7	6.7	0.1	0.1
Ontario	6.2	6.5	6.2	-0.3	0.0
Manitoba	4.8	4.9	4.6	-0.1	0.2
Saskatchewan	4.9	4.4	3.0	0.5	1.9
Alberta	6.0	5.9	4.1	0.1	1.9
British Columbia	6.0	6.2	5.8	-0.2	0.2

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 5

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS**(Seasonally Adjusted)**

	<u>October</u> <u>2015</u>	<u>September</u> <u>2015</u>	<u>October</u> <u>2014</u>	<u>Change from</u> <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u>					
Canada	18,022.5	17,978.1	17,879.1	44.4	143.4
Newfoundland & Labrador	235.3	235.9	238.0	-0.6	-2.7
Prince Edward Island	74.4	73.7	74.5	0.7	-0.1
Nova Scotia	451.1	451.1	450.8	0.0	0.3
New Brunswick	355.5	351.4	352.0	4.1	3.5
Quebec	4,100.7	4,106.3	4,053.5	-5.6	47.2
Ontario	6,937.2	6,908.0	6,929.7	29.2	7.5
Manitoba	641.8	639.0	634.5	2.8	7.3
Saskatchewan	577.3	575.9	577.6	1.4	-0.3
Alberta	2,304.4	2,315.2	2,291.0	-10.8	13.4
British Columbia	2,344.8	2,321.5	2,277.5	23.3	67.3
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>					
Canada	7.0	7.1	6.6	-0.1	0.4
Newfoundland & Labrador	13.0	13.6	12.0	-0.6	1.0
Prince Edward Island	9.9	9.3	9.3	0.6	0.6
Nova Scotia	7.8	8.9	8.7	-1.1	-0.9
New Brunswick	9.0	8.8	9.9	0.2	-0.9
Quebec	7.7	7.7	7.7	0.0	0.0
Ontario	6.8	6.9	6.7	-0.1	0.1
Manitoba	5.3	5.2	5.0	0.1	0.3
Saskatchewan	5.6	5.1	3.6	0.5	2.0
Alberta	6.6	6.5	4.4	0.1	2.2
British Columbia	6.3	6.3	6.1	0.0	0.2

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 6

SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS**(3 Month Moving Average)**

	<u>October</u> <u>2015</u>	<u>September</u> <u>2015</u>	<u>October</u> <u>2014</u>	<u>Change from</u> <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
CANADIAN CITIES					
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>					
St. John's	6.5	6.8	6.0	-0.3	0.5
Halifax	5.9	5.8	5.8	0.1	0.1
Saint John	7.7	8.6	7.4	-0.9	0.3
Quebec	5.0	4.7	4.8	0.3	0.2
Montreal	8.7	8.7	7.9	0.0	0.8
Ottawa-Gatineau	6.3	6.7	6.8	-0.4	-0.5
Toronto	7.1	7.5	8.2	-0.4	-1.1
Greater Sudbury	7.4	7.3	6.0	0.1	1.4
Winnipeg	5.6	6.3	6.2	-0.7	-0.6
Regina	4.1	4.6	3.4	-0.5	0.7
Saskatoon	6.1	6.1	4.3	0.0	1.8
Calgary	6.7	7.0	4.8	-0.3	1.9
Edmonton	6.0	6.1	5.2	-0.1	0.8
Vancouver	5.9	6.0	6.3	-0.1	-0.4
Victoria	6.1	6.1	5.5	0.0	0.6
SASKATCHEWAN					
<u>ECONOMIC REGIONS</u>					
<u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u>					
Regina-Moose Mountain	185.4	184.8	185.0	0.6	0.4
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	52.7	53.0	53.3	-0.3	-0.6
Saskatoon-Biggar	202.4	200.7	198.4	1.7	4.0
Yorkton-Melville	38.3	37.5	39.4	0.8	-1.1
Prince Albert & Northern	100.7	101.8	102.1	-1.1	-1.4

Note: All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)

TABLE 7

**SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS BY ABORIGINAL IDENTITY
FOR POPULATION 15 YEARS AND OLDER**
(3 Month Moving Average)

	October 2015	September 2015	October 2014	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
<u>TOTAL POPULATION</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	611.0	610.4	600.3	0.6	10.7
Employed ('000)	580.4	578.5	577.8	1.9	2.6
Unemployed ('000)	30.6	31.8	22.5	-1.2	8.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.0	5.2	3.7	-0.2	1.3
Participation Rate (%)	70.8	70.8	70.2	0.0	0.6
Employment Rate (%)	67.2	67.1	67.6	0.1	-0.4
<u>NON-ABORIGINAL</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	560.4	559.0	552.6	1.4	7.8
Employed ('000)	536.5	534.2	535.0	2.3	1.5
Unemployed ('000)	23.9	24.8	17.6	-0.9	6.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.3	4.4	3.2	-0.1	1.1
Participation Rate (%)	71.3	71.2	71.0	0.1	0.3
Employment Rate (%)	68.3	68.0	68.7	0.3	-0.4
<u>ABORIGINAL</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	50.6	51.3	47.7	-0.7	2.9
Employed ('000)	43.9	44.3	42.9	-0.4	1.0
Unemployed ('000)	6.7	7.0	4.9	-0.3	1.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	13.3	13.7	10.2	-0.4	3.1
Participation Rate (%)	65.1	66.2	62.6	-1.1	2.5
Employment Rate (%)	56.5	57.1	56.2	-0.6	0.3
<u>FIRST NATIONS</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	19.5	19.5	17.2	0.0	2.3
Employed ('000)	15.5	15.4	14.4	0.1	1.1
Unemployed ('000)	4.1	4.2	2.9	-0.1	1.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	20.8	21.3	16.6	-0.5	4.2
Participation Rate (%)	59.5	59.7	53.4	-0.2	6.1
Employment Rate (%)	47.2	47.0	44.6	0.2	2.6
<u>METIS</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	30.7	31.3	30.4	-0.6	0.3
Employed ('000)	28.0	28.5	28.5	-0.5	-0.5
Unemployed ('000)	2.6	2.8	1.9	-0.2	0.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.6	8.8	6.3	-0.2	2.3
Participation Rate (%)	69.1	70.6	69.2	-1.5	-0.1
Employment Rate (%)	63.1	64.4	64.8	-1.3	-1.7

Notes:

1. The Labour Force Survey collects data on the Saskatchewan civilian, non-institutional, off-reserve population. Beginning in April 2004, questions were added to the survey allowing for the self-identification of Aboriginal identity for Saskatchewan respondents.
2. The North American Indian and Métis categories are single responses only. 'Other' is omitted due to insufficient responses.
3. All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)
4. Caution should be used when interpreting results. Small sample sizes can result in large standard errors.

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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